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VIENNA FOR LEDSKY

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS TRILATERAL

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1. INDEPENDENT OF REPORT IN REFTEL A, FONOFF (BENSCH) HAS INFORMED US OF BRITISH/FRENCH/GERMAN TRI-LATERAL ON CYPRUS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 7. BENSCH WILL REPRESENT THE FRG.

2. BENSCH EXPECTS THE DISCUSSIONS TO CENTER ON THE TURKISH PAPER ON CONSTITUTION. BENSCH SAID THAT BOTH THE FRENCH AND GERMANS HAVE PASSED IDEAS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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TURKS AND THAT THESE IDEAS ARE REFLECTED IN THE PAPER WHICH THE TURKS HAVE TABLED IN VIENNA. THERE ARE THREE OR FOUR POINTS IN THE TURKISH PAPER WHICH THE FRG DOES NOT LIKE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FRG WILL GO BACK TO THE TURKS FOLLOWING THE LONDON TRILATERAL.

3. THE GERMANS HAVE ALSO, BENSCH CLAIMS, INFORMED THE

TURKS ABOUT THEIR THINKING ON TERRITORY. BENSCH DOES NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THE GERMAN THINKING HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY ANKARA SINCE NO TURKISH MAP HAS BEEN TABLED IN VIENNA.

4. ACCORDING TO BENSCH, THE FRG HAS BEEN PRESSING THE UK TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT GUARANTOR SYSTEM FOR CYPRUS MUST BE MAINTAINED IN ORDER TO AVOID THE MATTER BEING REFERRED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, A STEP WHICH WOULD OPEN THE DOOR TO A SOVIET ROLE ON THE ISLAND. BENSCH IS HOPEFUL THAT HIS MESSAGE HAS ALREADY GOTTEN TO THE BRITISH AND THAT THEY WILL BRING UP THE GUARANTOR QUESTION IN THE TRILATERALS.

5. FOR VIENNA: BENSCH HAS ADVISED THE FRG EMBASSY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH LEDSKY FOR A MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. THE GERMAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR IS WELL INFORMED ON THE VIENNA TALKS. THE TURKISH DELEGATION GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PAPER, AND HE HAS MET AT LEAST ONCE WITH PAPADOPoulos. BENSCH HIMSELF WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH LEDSKY AND WOULD APPRECIATE LEDSKY COMING TO BONN THE MORNING OF APRIL 8 IF POSSIBLE. BENSCH IS PREPARED TO FLY FROM LONDON TO VIENNA AND MEET LEDSKY THERE THE EVENING OF APRIL 7, IF HE CAN FIND AN APPROPRIATE FLIGHT. IN SUCH A MEETING, BENSCH COULD INFORM LEDSKY OF THE RESULTS OF THE LONDON TRI-LATERAL.

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